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1. (Once Amended) A method in communication application,  
comprising:

transmitting a request from the communication application to a  
5 communication server for a cost to conduct a communication transaction;

receiving from the communication server, in response to the request, a  
cost offer for the transaction before the communication application conducts the  
transaction.

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2. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1, receiving a cost offer  
including at least a communication service cost component.

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3. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1, indicating the cost offer  
broken down into component costs at the communication application.

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4. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1, receiving from the  
communication server a cost offer based on a quality of communications service.

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5. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 1, receiving from the  
communication server a cost offer based on at least one of a time of the transaction,  
an amount of information of the transaction, and subscription information associated  
with the communication application.

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6. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 1, receiving from the communication server a cost offer based at least partly on a credit to a user of the communication application for conducting the transaction.

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7. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 1, the transaction is an interactive transaction, receiving from the communication server a cost offer based at least partly on an interactive transaction performance at the communication application.

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8. (Not Amended) A method in a mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

identifying a wireless transaction at the mobile wireless communication device;

transmitting a request from the mobile wireless communication device to a network for a cost to conduct the wireless transaction;

receiving from the network, in response to the request, a cost to conduct the wireless transaction before conducting the wireless transaction.

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9. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 8, receiving a cost to conduct the wireless transaction including at least a communication service cost component.

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10. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 9, receiving a cost to conduct the wireless transaction including a content cost component in addition to the communication service component.

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11. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 8, identifying the wireless transaction by making a selection at the mobile wireless communication device.

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12. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is a data download to mobile wireless communication device via the network, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on at least one of a time interval required to download the data, a number of octets to be received by the mobile wireless communication device.

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13. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is an information download to the mobile wireless communication device via the network, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on a credit to an account of the mobile wireless communication device for downloading the information.

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14. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is a data download to the mobile wireless communication device via the network, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on an amount of data to be downloaded over a time interval by the mobile wireless communication device.

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15. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is an interactive transaction, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on an interactive transaction performance at the mobile wireless communication device.

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16. (Not Amended) The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is  
an interactive transaction, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on  
participation in the interactive transaction at the mobile wireless communication  
device.

17. (Once Amended) A method for providing wireless transaction cost  
information to a wireless communication device, comprising:

receiving a request at a communication serving system for a wireless  
transaction cost from the wireless communication device;

providing a wireless transaction cost to the wireless communication  
device, in response to the request, before the wireless communication device  
conducts a wireless transaction for which the cost is provided.

18. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 17, receiving a wireless  
transaction cost acceptance from the wireless communication device before the  
wireless communication device conducts the wireless transaction.

19. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 17, the wireless transaction  
is an information download to the wireless communication device, generating the  
wireless transaction cost based on at least one of a time interval required to  
download the information, an amount of information to be downloaded by the  
wireless communication device over a time interval, and a subscription information  
of the wireless communication device.

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20. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 17, generating the wireless transaction cost based on a content cost and a content transport charge.

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21. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 17, the wireless transaction is an interactive transaction, generating the wireless transaction cost based at least partly on one of an interactive transaction performance at the wireless communication device and a participation in the interactive transaction at the wireless communication device.

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22. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 17, the wireless transaction is an advertisement transfer to the wireless communication device, generating the wireless transaction cost based at least partly on a credit to an account of the wireless communication device for downloading the advertisement.

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23. (New) The method of Claim 17, providing information indicating reliability of the wireless transaction cost to the wireless communication device.

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